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110 Indiana Schools recognized for commitment to healthy students

A record 110 Indiana schools have received the 2009-2010 Indiana Action for Healthy Kids Healthy Hoosier School Award. This award is sponsored by the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Action for Healthy Kids Team, the Dairy and Nutrition Council, Inc., Whole Foods Market, and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent.

"By providing healthy, active environments, schools are preparing students to be fit, and ready to learn," said Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Bennett. "With an increase in awardees in all award categories, it is clear that more Indiana schools are successfully implementing wellness initiatives."

Through the Healthy Hoosier School Award, schools receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze level for creating a healthy school environment. The applications are reviewed by a team of health professionals, school officials, and state and community leaders. The highest ranked elementary school and middle/high school will each receive a \$750 grant, while three runners-up in each of the school categories will receive a \$500 grant. All participating schools receive a certificate of recognition and a Healthy Hoosier School Report Card.

First Lady Mrs. Cheri Daniels will recognize all 2009-2010 Healthy Hoosier Schools at a *Recognizing Success: Health & Academic Achievement in Hoosier Schools* celebration on June 1, 2010. For more information on this event, go to the Indiana Action for Healthy Kids website or click [here](#). Next year's Healthy Hoosier School Award will feature a new Silver Level Sponsor, the Indianapolis Colts.

A complete list of this year's award-winning schools is available at http://www.doe.in.gov/food/pdf/09-10_HHSA_winners_by_award.pdf